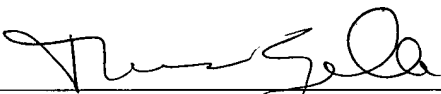
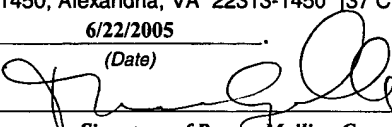
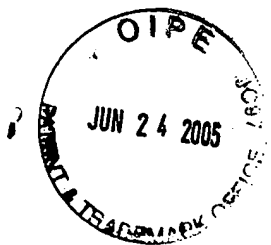


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Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated May 26, 2005, Applicant elects the claims of Species II, i.e., Claims 2, 3 and 12-15 for continued prosecution herein along with generic Claims 1 and 11.

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